

CITY OF SANTA FE

Emergency Proclamation II – COVID-19

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDERS – April 6, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I issued Emergency Proclamation II – COVID-19 (Proclamation II), recognizing the emergency faced by the City of Santa Fe (City) in the form of the COVID-19 virus (Emergency);

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the City's Governing Body extended Proclamation II through May 24, 2020 by Resolution 2020-13;

WHEREAS, as the Emergency evolves, it is clear that additional orders pursuant to Proclamation II would lower the risk of overwhelming the City's healthcare system and save lives;

WHEREAS, the City's Emergency Declaration Ordinance (Ordinance) authorizes the Mayor to prohibit activities reasonably believed necessary to help maintain life, property, or the public peace during the Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance also authorizes the Mayor to utilize the services of

non-City personnel and resources necessary to adequately respond to the Emergency;

WHEREAS, grocery stores and supermarkets are on the front lines of the Emergency as businesses that are essential to all residents;

WHEREAS, the employees of grocery stores and supermarkets deserve thanks from the residents of Santa Fe for their service providing food to the City and its residents and for serving on the front lines;

WHEREAS, because of their importance as essential businesses, grocery stores and supermarkets are places that hundreds of Santa Fe residents and visitors visit each day, making them prime locations for spreading the COVID-19 virus.

THEREFORE, due to the circumstances identified above, I am taking the following, additional, temporary actions, effective for the duration of the emergency, unless rescinded earlier:

- I. For the purposes of this Order, "grocery stores and supermarkets" means retail businesses that primarily sell food products to the public and includes farmers' markets.
- II. I thank the employees of the City's grocery stores and supermarkets for their service during the Emergency and recognize them for their important role during the Emergency.

III. To lessen the risks of infection by COVID-19 for both the public and the employees of grocery stores and supermarkets, I order the following:

A. The City shall not enforce its Single-Use Carryout Bags Ordinance, Section 21-8. In particular, the City shall not:

- 1. Penalize the use of single-use plastic bags;
- 2. Require the collection of \$0.10/bag environmental service fee; or
- 3. Collect environmental service fees.

B. Grocery stores and supermarkets shall:

- 1. Not permit customers to bring their own reusable/"from home" bags;
- 2. Provide, without charging the City's environmental service fee, recyclable paper bags, compostable plastic bags, or single use plastic bags;
- 3. Provide access to handwashing facilities and break time for employees to wash their hands;
- 4. Provide customers access to restrooms for hand washing, if possible, without causing other risks to customers or employees;
- 5. Disinfect handles of all shopping carts and baskets in between uses or provide customers access to disinfecting options, as accessible, at the point or points of entry;

- 6. Provide disinfecting wipes, as available, at cash registers and other high-touch points in the store;
- 7. Provide, as available, alcohol-based sanitizers in the store for customer use;
- 8. Implement procedures to sanitize frequent touch-points in the store throughout the day;
- 9. Discontinue all self-service salad bars, self-service food stations, including bulk food stations, and product tasting or sampling stands;
- 10. Designate employees or use management personnel to ensure that stores follow the Center for Disease Control's cleaning guidelines; implement procedures to ensure that both customers and employees remain at least six (6) feet apart, including "social distancing lines" that begin six (6) feet from checkout counters; and monitor social distancing and assist customers in practicing social distancing in the stores;
- 11. "Meter" the number of customers in the store at any one time, limiting the number to no more than thirty percent (30%) of the facility's listed fire capacity or a number that allows for a six (6) foot radius between all customers when considering all infrastructure in the facilities, by designating staff, management personnel, or contractors to count the number of customers

entering and leaving the store and to enforce the limits;

- 12. Mark off six (6) foot distances between waiting spaces where lines form, both inside and outside the store; and
- 13. Provide exclusive hours for self-identified high-risk populations and limit entrances during those special shopping hours to twenty-five percent (25%) of maximum occupancy levels; and
- 14. Permit employees to wear masks and gloves if employees wish to do so.

IV. I advise Grocery Stores and Supermarkets to take the following actions:

- 1. If feasible given the layout of the store, implement one-way routing aisles within one week of the date I sign this Order;
- 2. If feasible, implement Plexiglas shields at high-volume customeremployee points of contact, such as check out stations;
- 3. To the extent possible, offer curbside and home delivery options to customers; and
- 4. Take any and all reasonable additional measures to enforce social distancing.

V. I advise Customers to take the following actions:

1. Limit the persons from a household who visit supermarkets and

grocery stores to as few as possible. If possible, limit the number to no more than two persons per household per visit;

- 2. Limit the number of trips to grocery stores and supermarkets to as few as possible, and no more than one per week, considering the size of households, the storage capacity of refrigerators, and any other factors that are outside customers' control;
- 3. Not hoard items, by purchasing only what is needed for a period of up to two weeks at a time, or as further limited by the State's Orders;
- 4. If the grocery store or supermarket has not already done so, wipe down shopping carts upon arrival and departure, using disinfecting wipes, as available;
- 5. Wash hands before leaving home and after returning from shopping;
- 6. Observe proper social distancing of at least six (6) feet of space between shoppers while shopping inside the grocery stores and supermarkets;
- 7. Wear masks and gloves, if feasible, while in grocery stores and supermarkets; and
- 8. Cooperate with grocery stores' and supermarkets' social distancing and cleanliness standards to promote social distancing and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 6 day of April, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. (MDT).

ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL CITY CLERK (SEAL)